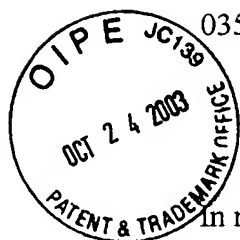


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0024551
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0080208
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0063149
- (4) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0063150
- (5) JP 7-108684
- (6) U.S. Application No. 10/615,987

An English-language abstract for cited Japanese document (5) is enclosed.

Cited Japanese document (5) is discussed on page 3 of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The concise explanation of relevance for the foregoing Japanese document is believed to be satisfied by the English-language abstract and the discussion in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the enclosed information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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